Sale of outdated Medicines

2798. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH SURYA': Will the Minister of CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a racket of selling outdated medicines in market by erasing old date and putting a new date;

(b) if so, what action has been or is being proposed to be taken in such cases;

(c) in how many such cases action has been taken during 1997-98; and

(d) what was the level of involvement i.e. drug manufacturers sellers or medical representatives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL): (a) to (d) Information is being collected.

Import of LNG

2799. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have outlined LNG import strategy recently if so, the details thereof including the strategy hitherto being following;

(b) the details of liquified Natural Gas imported during last two years, year-wise and the countries from which the LNG was imported indicating the cost thereof in dollar as well rupees terms;

(c) whether a Committee under the Chairmanship of IFFCO M.D. was constituted to look into import of LNG for fertilizer sector if so, the details of the study conducted by the Committee; and;

(d) the action taken on the said report/ study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL): (a) to (d) The LNG is placed in the OGL category but it has not so far been imported in India from any country. 100% Foreign Direct Investment is permitted in the manufacture of LNG in the country. The LNG importers can market the regasified LNG to the consumers at market prices.

A Core Group on Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) was constituted on 31.7.98 under the chairmanship of the Managing Director (IFFCO) with a view to exploring the feasibility of importing LNG by forming a consortium of fertilizer companies alongwith other interested economic operators for fertilizer sectors such as power, domestic fuel etc. The core group submitted its report to the Govt. on 22.3.1999. The Core Group has recommended an integrated chain consisting of liquifaction plant located overseas with storage and dedicated port facilities, cryogenic LNG tankers for transportation of LNG, receiving terminal with storage tanks and regasification facilities and a delivery system of pipelines and compressors to supply regasified LNG to fertilizer and other consumers. The Core Group has proposed the implementation of the project in two phases with the capacity in each phase being 3.5 million tonne per annum at the estimated cost of Rupees 21,832 crores with phase-I and phase-II costs being Rs. 13,846 crores and Rs. 7.986 crores respectively.

As the report has been recently received, no tangible action could be taken so far.

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2800. श्री राज मोहिन्दर सिंह:
श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया:

क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार द्वारा वर्ष 1998 में एक उच्च शक्ति प्राप्त समिति का गठन किया गया था